

From The President

Dear Neighbors:

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your Crescent Hill Community Council memberships. All memberships expired as of October 1. At press time, we had received renewals from nearly 75 percent of last year's members. Unfortunately, that leaves more than 100 members we have not heard from. If you're one of those 100 (or worse yet, someone who has never joined), please send your \$6 dues to Crescent Hill Community Council, 301 South Peterson Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206. We have some exciting plans for the neighborhood but our budget for those plans counts on your continued support.

The volunteers who assisted with the cleanup of the Frankfort Avenue railroad easement on October 26 also deserve our thanks. While members of the Frankfort Avenue Business Association cleared brush and trimmed trees, other volunteers picked up more than 15 bags of trash. Working together, you made Crescent Hill look better!

As the Council moves forward with beautification efforts which will require increasing numbers of volunteers, we know we will especially miss the enthusiasm of founding member Clough Venable. Clough had a can-do attitude about Crescent Hill, and he always encouraged leaders of its neighborhood organization to share that approach. He died on the same day that an article in the Neighborhoods section of The Courier-Journal carried the headline "Crescent Hill council fiscally fit, with record membership." Clough would have liked that, but he wouldn't have let us rest on the successes of the past. With your help, we won't.

Happy Holidays!

Bill Hollander, President

Clough Venable Dies

The Crescent Hill neighborhood lost one of its best leaders and most tireless workers on October 23, when Clough Venable passed away.

When the Crescent Hill Community Council was formed in 1969, Clough was one of the four individuals who signed the articles of incorporation. He remained active in the neighborhood group until the last days of his life, chairing the nominating committee which selected the officers elected on October 14 of this year.

Clough was a certified public accountant, and he gave the neighborhood the benefit of his training in a number of capacities. He performed small jobs as well as large ones. Late in the evenings on recent Independence Days, Clough supervised the counting of proceeds from the Council's Old Fashioned Fourth of July, including all those nickels from the cake wheel! Clough's contributions to the neighborhood were not limited to accounting skills, however. He was a constant source of encouragement for neighborhood leaders, always pushing them to accept new roles and responsibilities.

Clough was one of the leaders of the

effort to acquire the Peterson-Dumesnil House for the Jefferson County Board of Education, an enormous undertaking for the Council and the Peterson-Dumesnil House Foundation, Inc., the non-profit corporation established to acquire and manage the facility. The minutes of the Council's board of directors meeting for November 9, 1984 note that the deed to the house was handed over that day, and that Clough and four others were thanked "for getting the ball rolling."

Clough was never one to drop the ball, and he kept it rolling at the house until his death. He was long-time treasurer of the Foundation, and we re-elected to that position in September.

Clough Venable is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Burt; a daughter, Cynthia; a son, Douglas; two brothers, a sister and grand daughter.

A memorial service is scheduled for November 26 at the Peterson-Dumesnil House. The family has requested that memorial gifts be made to the Peterson-Dumesnil House Foundation, Inc.

Dear Crescent Hill Neighbor:

During the week of the Christmas Holiday, Crescent Hill will be in the middle of the regularly scheduled junk pick up. Please be mindful when setting your items out for pick up this particular week that there will be a Holiday on Wednesday and that the regular Thursday collection will be very heavy. And remember to set no more than 3 large items out by 6 am of Monday, December 23rd. If you need more information about the regulations for the special junk pick up, please call my office.

For the past two years we have had a special program to collect your Christmas Trees at the Zoo so that they can be used as mulch for City maintained Brightside sites. This year a special

area in the parking lot of the Zoo will be set aside for you to deliver your trees on Thursday, December 26, Saturday, December 28 and Saturday January 4. This location will be open from 9 am to 3 pm. Please check the newspaper or call my office for more information about this program.

Have a safe, happy and environmentally aware Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Melissa

Melissa Mershon
First Ward Alderman, 625-3100

Trees Planted on Frankfort Avenue

Frankfort Avenue will be greener next spring, thanks to the first phase of the City of Louisville's tree planting program for the street.

Trees are being planted this fall on the south side of the street throughout Crescent Hill, from Cannons Lane to Ewing Avenue. Under plans developed by City Arborist Alan Bishop, nearly 150 trees are being installed in that area along. Most of the trees are crabapples. Japanese Tree Lilacs were selected for the area between Birchwood and Franck Avenues, and flowering pears were chosen for the block between South Peterson and South Ewing Avenues.

All of the selected trees are small flowering varieties which do not have a large root system to break up the sidewalk. Adjacent property owners are responsible for the maintenance of the trees, including watering in times of drought, fertilizing, keeping weeds from around the tree and pruning when necessary so that the tree does not become a hazard to pedestrian or automobile traffic.

First Ward Alderman Melissa Mershon asked the City Arborist to develop the Frankfort Avenue tree planting program. Future plans call for planting additional trees in the Clifton neighborhood, on the south side of Frankfort Avenue between Ewing and Mellwood Avenues, and on the north side of Frankfort Avenue wherever possible.

Russ Maple Elected to School Board

Crescent Hill residents will soon have a new representative on the Jefferson County Board of Education. Russ Maple was elected without opposition in the November 5 election.

Russ has been active in the neighborhood. He was recently elected President of the Frankfort Avenue Business Association, which promotes the interests of the businesses located along Frankfort Avenue in Crescent Hill and Clifton. He also served as one of the two district representatives for Kennedy Park on the board of directors of the Crescent Hill Community Council and has just completed a term as President of the Peterson-Dumesnil House Foundation.

Russ has asked us to invite you to contact him if he can be of help as your new school board representative. His home telephone number is 896-0570. His office number is 893-9496.

Congratulations, Russ.

House Decorating Party

On Sunday, December 1st, get into the Holiday Spirit and help decorate the Peterson-Dumesnil House. Starting at 10 AM, a group of neighborhood elves need you to join their ranks. Chili and cookies will be served. Also, anyone with a stepladder is asked to bring one or you can call Joe Winkie at 897-2026 and he will pick it up for you. See you there!



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